

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
The Garden

The first year we planted a garden an old neighbor poked his head over the fence and said, "You've got your furrows running the wrong direction." We were done covering the seeds, transplanting the seedlings, and labeling the rows. We were hot and tired. We weren't about to dig it all up and start over.

Later that day we took the irrigation turn and led it down the ditch to the back yard. Within seconds, the garden was destroyed. The water ran across and breached the furrows. Seeds and starters were everywhere. It was a disaster. Just then we heard a voice from over the fence, "I told you so."

Our next experience with gardening was in a different part of the city. We had just finished building some raised garden beds. We anxiously got out and planted the garden. We were careful about the furrows and chose to sprinkle instead of flood. After a few weeks we couldn't distinguish between the weeds and the plants. Our new neighbor poked his head over the fence and politely said, "You can't grow vegetables in clay soil. Not even the zucchini would grow." He was right.

Recently we've had mixed results with gardening. At our current home we have raised garden beds, a timed sprinkler system, and rich soil. We plant the garden as soon as the weather cooperates. We till, fertilize, stake, label and prepare the garden just after the last frost near Mother's Day. And yet, we get small stubby carrots, hard beans, bitter radishes, few tomatoes, and no melons; not even zucchini.

Last week our mother-in-law came over with some fresh vegetables from her garden. It is only April and she's delivering "excess" vegetables. We wondered how this 80 year-old woman could have beautiful, fresh, and delicious vegetables so early in the season. This is what we learned.

Gardening is a "process" not an "event". It's not enough to "plant" the garden. If you want to reap great vegetables year round, you have to nurture it for 15 minutes "everyday".

And so it is with our most things at home, at school, at work, at play and even at the City. A single event or long period of absence will turn any situation into a disaster. If we want good relationships and great friends year round, we need to nurture them everyday. If we want successful projects and great results, we need to keep after them attentively. It doesn't take "all day"-- just an appropriate amount of time "each day."

Many of you have taken time to write to me this past month. Some of you have written in concern about my monthly mes-

sages. Others have written about things that are entirely different, but very important to you in your day-to-day lives (recycling, secondary water, and road repair top the list). It has been wonderful to learn what's on you minds. Now I would encourage you to "get and stay involved" just a little bit and on a regular basis.

Over time, you will come to have a clear understanding of what it really takes to develop and maintain the great City of Pleasant Grove. It's a "process" not an "event". It takes planning, preparation, persistence, nurturing, patience and love.

Fortunately, I've learned something from my 80 year old mother-in-law. Even the poorest soil conditions can be transformed overtime to produce fantastic results year round. Stick with it everyday and your labor will yield fruits for years to come.

Please take the time to let me know what you like, dislike, support, etc. All comments are welcome except the "anonymous" kind. Send them to: Mayor@PGCity.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

- June 1Pleasant Grove Orchestra
- June 8Utah Children's Choir
- June 15Bluegrass Thunder
- June 22Kenny Favero
- June 29Buzztones
- July 6Skyline Chorus
- July 13Phoenix Rising
- July 20Harold Newman
- July 27Seventh String
- Aug. 3OneAccord
- Aug. 10Jerri Warnick
- Aug. 17Funeral Potato Review

MAMA'S BOYS PERFORM FOR STRAWBERRY DAYS

The Strawberry Days Concert will be on June 17, 7:30, east of the Swimming Pool. Mama's Boys will be performing. Mama's Boys consists of the Shumway family of Pleasant Grove. The concert is free.

PUBLIC WORKS

The City has started to pressurize the secondary water system at this time. About April 15th the city will start supplementing the lines to the system from the aqueduct; even though there currently is water in the system, everyone is being asked to wait until May 1st to start watering.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

- Please check your valve to make sure that it has been turned off from the winter months.
- Open your valve slowly to check for leaks and broken pipes.
- If you have a broken pipe it is most likely to have been frozen throughout the winter months.
- The broken line could be from a low spot in the pipe where the water couldn't drain properly and froze.
- The city recommends/suggests that you put a drain in where the pipe was broken when you fix your pipe.
- In order for the system to operate more efficiently, until the reservoir is completed in mid July, everyone is being asked to help balance the system by following a watering schedule.
- This requires watering during the day as well as at night.
- It is recognized that watering during the day is less efficient, but it is necessary to better balance water use with supply.
- The city is asking that if you have an even house number to water during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Those with odd house numbers are asked to water during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Please remember to only water Monday through Saturday.
- No watering on Sunday.

I hope this will help insure that things will go as smoothly as possible and reduce the number of problems and issues that might arrive otherwise.

If you have any questions, please contact the water department at 785-2941.

CORRECTION

In the article last month regarding Lion's Club member Anne Fisher receiving the Humanitarian Award from that club, it was noted that her father was a long-time member of the Lions in Lehi. Mr. West was actually a long-time member of Lions in Pleasant Grove.

AARP "Driver Safety" class

An AARP "Driver Safety" class for those 50 and older will be taught at the Jacobs Senior Center (242 W. 200 S., Pleasant Grove) May 21st & 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. each day. To register, call the Senior Center (785-2818) or Don Gover (785-0379). A fee of \$10.00 will be charged. Completion of the class may qualify participant for a discount on their automobile insurance.

Pleasant Grove Firefighters
announce the annual

Fireman's Breakfast

Please come join us for breakfast
at the fire station,
110 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove.
Saturday, May 31, 2008
6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Good Food, Good Friends, Good Fun

Be There or Be Hungry!!!

Tickets are available at the station or at the door
the morning of the breakfast.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pleasant Grove Library, in conjunction with Utah State Library and Recorded Books, is offering downloadable audio books through PG Library's catalog. Links in the catalog will take you to NetLibrary, which allows you to "checkout" and download online audio books and sync them to your MP3 player. (Sorry, iPods do not work with this service). Download a book anytime, at your convenience. There are about 1200 titles available. Approximately 30 new titles are added each month. Some popular titles include 1776, The Kite Runner, and The Secret. Contact the Pleasant Grove Library for information on creating an account with NetLibrary.

Children's Book Week: All activities will begin at 6:30 pm: 5/12 Monday-Puppeteers; 5/13 Tuesday- Celebrate!; 5/14 Wednesday- Twilight Tales with make it take craft night; 5/15 Thursday- Ms. Anderson Dance Group; 5/16 Friday- Spanish Story time with a piñata (at 10:30 am)

Fast bug, slow bug, red bug, blue bug. Big bug, little bug, good bug, bad bug. Catch the Reading Bug! at the Pleasant Grove library this summer where children can explore the amazing world of bugs and enjoy other activities during the library's summer reading program. Registration begins May 27th. Stop in and pick up a flyer of summer events or check out our website.

UVU LIBRARY SHOWCASE

Utah Valley University (UVU) will be hosting the UVU Library Showcase to introduce the public to the new library from 1:00 to 6:30 PM on June 30th. The UVU Library Showcase is open to the public and will feature events to interest students, UVSC employees, and community members of all ages. 15,000 to 20,000 people are expected to attend the celebration and experience what the new library has to offer.

FROM THE PLEASANT GROVE BEAUTIFICATION/SHADE TREE COMMISSION

'Tis the season to be gardening, America's favorite pastime. Before you get started in earnest, keep an eye on the weather. The average last frost-free date is May 10, but this spring has been unusually cold. If you do plant outside before the danger of frost is past, be prepared to protect your plants from these wild spring storms!

Gardening is a great thing to do with kids. There are so many fun things to do outside! You can create a bean and/or sunflower teepee or "house" (<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=11660>), teach your children to make compost (really – it's fun!). You can let your children have their own "secret garden", or you can let them dig for worms and move them into your garden area. Maybe you'll take some rocks that you just dug out of your garden (AGAIN!), paint them with your children or grandchildren and use them as plant markers. Of course, growing their own giant pumpkins is fun, too. Read "Farmer Boy" by Laura Ingalls Wilder over the summer months – maybe they'll even want to try to "milk-feed" their pumpkins, just like Almonzo. You can check out some online resources here: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/family.asp> and here: <http://www.amazingmoms.com/htm/childrensgardening.htm>

It's also a good time to make sure your sprinklers are watering effectively. For a FREE sprinkler check, call Julia Tuck at 801-851-8467 and leave your name, phone number, address and city, or send her an email at juliatuck@usu.edu The fine folks do these checks will come to your home or business, check the roots of your grass, your soil type, your water pressure and will set out cups to see how evenly your water is distributed. Optimize your water usage by setting an appointment today. If you want to receive a weekly email advisory informing you of potential problems with fruit and ornamental tree problems, send an email to Marion Murray at marion.murray@usu.edu and ask to be put on the "Integrated Pest Management Tree Fruit Advisory" email list.

Finally, the Pleasant Grove Beautification Commission members will be giving out "Yard of the Month" awards again this year in June, July and August. Have fun creating in your yard and you just may be the recipient of the coveted award!

FROM THE DUP MUSEUM

What are all those bricks in the Museum parking lot? They are the old walls of the new building north of Smith's Market (on Main St.) The new owner wants his walls to last a hundred years. Many of the old bricks are crumbling, but the majority are whole. They belong to the Historical Preservation Society. Many CCC workers engraved them because they were made by the Christiansen, Christiansen and Christensen Co. that was in business from the 1920's through 1932. Some of the bricks were made in Pleasant Grove as early as 1893. Many prominent buildings were built with CCC bricks. — Beth Edvalson

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

"... in the course of human events ..." this is a line made famous by men much greater than I and for purposes much more grand than these, but it is a line that fits so well into our current situation. Historic events have occurred that have changed the operation of your fire department. The past few weeks have been an interesting roller coaster ride, including some terrifying down hill courses with twists and turns and even a few upside down loops. But, there have also been great climbs with grand vistas at the top - the kind that allow you to see forever.

Our friends to the south, Lindon City, have chosen to contract fire and emergency medical services with a different service provider. I have had several people ask me how that move will affect us and our operation. First, the affect it will have on us is that we will no longer be providing services to our friends and neighbors in Lindon, something that Pleasant Grove Fire Department has done for over 100 years. We will miss our association with them. Next, how will it affect our operations? Now, we can focus all of our efforts on you and on providing you with the best fire and medical services possible.

On Thursday, April 3rd, one of my staff members came into my office and gave me some long awaited and anticipated news. He had received word from Senator Bob Bennett's office that we had been selected to receive a DHS/FEMA grant in the amount of \$1,054,250.00. This grant will allow Pleasant Grove Fire Department to hire 10 full-time firefighters. That means, now our city will be protected by a full time firefighter/paramedic level fire department, 24/7. That's historic! Will we still need our paid part-time people? YES! By having full-time firefighters in the station, our response times will be significantly shorter, but we will still rely heavily on our established team concept that includes critical participation from our part-time firefighters. We hope to be staffed and ready to go on-line with a full time firefighter/paramedic level service around the first of July, 2008.

In the last year or so, the fire department has been very fortunate to be the beneficiary of the Mayor, Council, and city administration's generous support. Any benefit that you, the citizens of Pleasant Grove, realize from the fire department is a direct result of those key individual's foresight and dedication to you in ensuring that we are able to provide the best and most advanced services available.

As your fire chief, I am proud to be part of the historic and wonderful changes that are taking place. I am happy to be able to provide you with emergency services of this caliber.

Be Safe, Chief Marc Sanderson

HUNTER SAFETY

A hunter safety course will be offered June 9, 2008 at the PG Sportsmen's Club from 9 a.m. to noon. The dates starts June 20, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2008. Please call Dave Adams for cost at 763-9468.

STAMP OUT HUNGER

Help our community "Stamp out Hunger" by leaving a donation of non-perishable food or hygiene items by your mailbox on Saturday, May 10 for the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Your letter carrier will pick up donations Saturday morning on their regular route. Please help keep the Community Action Food Bank stocked for the local families who will need emergency assistance during the summer. Visit www.CommunityActionUC.org for more information and to learn other ways you can help. For more information, call 801-373-8200.

PLEASANT GROVE RECEIVES "A" GRADES FOR BEING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FRIENDLY

Pleasant Grove was awarded the grade of "A" and an "A-" for providing outstanding service to developers seeking to build office and industrial spaces in the City." The awards were given recently by the Utah Chapters of the NATIONAL Association of Industrial & Office Properties (NAIOP) and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors© (SIOR).

The high marks were based upon an annual survey by the two real estate development associations which contracts with Brigham Young University's Field Studies department. The group "shopped" twelve cities in Utah County.

In order to receive an A grade a City had to demonstrate outstanding "friendliness, efficiency, and knowledge" when assisting commercial developers. In addition, cities had to score highly on the following "Best Practices:" Having a "front-line person who is generally always available ... to answer all incoming preliminary questions from developers." Having knowledgeable people available during regular business hours. Having centrally located departments which office in the same building. Sort of a "one stop shop" which can readily and thoroughly answer developer's questions. Having printed documentation as hand-outs and having the same information available on the Internet. Having reasonably-priced developer fees. Offering quick-turnaround times for entitlements.

Pleasant Grove was singled out several times in the NAIOP/SIOR report for providing quality service.

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

The 6th annual Caregiver Conference will be held on Thursday, May 15, from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at the Provo Eldred Senior Center (270 West 500 North, Provo). Dr. Gary Holland, Medical Director for Hospice for Utah will be speaking on preventing caregiver burnout and the patient/physician relationship. Elizabeth Jensen will demonstrate belly breathing for health and there will be an open panel discussion on care giving issues. There will be many caregiver resources available as well as a silent auction and prizes. Dinner will be served. Registration is \$10. Conference is sponsored by the Mountainland Dept. of Aging and Family Services Caregiver Committee. Register at www.mountainland.org/care or call 229-3804 or 434-9004.

STRAWBERRY DAYS ART SHOWS

Strawberry Days Fine Art show, Quilt show and Children's Art contest will take place during the celebration. Please pick up information and applications at the Library or email show director Tori Merrill. torimerrill@gmail.com

RECREATION NEWS

Now Registering for these Summer programs: Toddler Gym and Toddler Cooking / Kids Summer Cooking/ Chess Club / Park It – Summer Camp / Wilderness Camp. Look for Flyers and more info. at the Rec. center / Register Early to hold a spot before there gone!!

***New- Women's Cooking Club** –1 hour class; fee is \$ 10 per class.

***FREE Family Day Hike and Breakfast** – Sat June 7th From 8:30 to 9:30am at Kiwanis Park.

***FREE-Movie Night in the Park** –Bring your Family, blankets, chairs and Join us for an outdoor Movie at Anderson Park.(950 E 200 S).

Soccer Registration (4 yrs old to 8th Grade) – Registration is May 22 thru June 18. League season will start on Saturday, July 26.

Adult Coed Softball – (16 yrs & older) Registration will begin Thurs, May 1st and go until filled. Fee: \$400 a team. Season will start August 4th.

We have some openings still available in the following camps and clinics. Call the Recreation Department for details.

Itty Bitty Ball (3 & 4 yr olds) – June 24, 26.

Golf Club (7 to18 yrs) - Month of June (Tuesdays).

SUMMER GYMNASTICS – 6-week program – June 24 to August 1. To register, call Kim at 492-3961.

The Jr. Olympic Skills Competition is a FREE skills competition that provides both, boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four sports.

UTAH CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT AUDITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Utah Children's Choir will present their annual Spring Concert at the Pleasant Grove Jr. High School auditorium on Friday, May 2, 2008. The concert will feature a selection of American folk songs as well as some classical pieces by Schubert and Aaron Copland. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Kay Asay, director of the UCC, will be holding auditions for new members for the next season during the month of May. Next year, the choir will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. All children who love to sing and who are between the ages of eight and sixteen are eligible to audition. For more information or an audition appointment call Miss Asay at 756-6450 or 785-7416.

Our annual fundraiser, selling pies for Mother's Day, begins on April 22 and runs through May 6. The pies will be made and delivered on Sat. May 10 in time for Mother's Day. If you are interested in pies call Lisa at 756-5446 or Lutie at 785-7416. We will be making cherry, apple, or berry. They are very delicious, ten-inch pies.